



Fish and Wildlife Conservation

How Fish and Wildlife Dollars Are Used in Your Backyard

Calumet County



County characteristics

- 397 sq. mi.
- 40,661 residents live in Calumet County
- Many miles of Lake Winnebago shoreline, 10 lakes and 75 miles of streams
- Once mostly forested with Oak and Maple, now agriculture dominates the landscape
- The Niagara Escarpment runs through the West side of the county overlooking the east shore of Lake Winnebago



State Land Open to Hunting and Fishing

13,500 acres of state land including wildlife and fisheries areas and stream bank areas, and High Cliff State Park, 12,400 acres open to hunting

Locate DNR properties at:

http://www.dnr.wi.gov/org/land/facilities/dnr_land_mapping.html

Fish and Wildlife Staff serving you

- 2 Wildlife biologists, 3 Fisheries Biologists, 3 Fisheries Technicians, 2 Conservation Wardens
- 2 Customer Service Representatives
- **Appleton office:** 3369 West Brewster Street
- **Oshkosh office:** 625 East CTH Rd Y, Suite 700
- **Mishicot office:** 2220 E. CTH V, 54228

Activities Funded by Your Hunting and Fishing Dollars

- Establish and maintain grassland and wetland habitat for ducks, pheasants, and other wildlife.
- Manage Winnebago fisheries including lake sturgeon, walleye, white bass, northern pike, yellow perch and sauger. Lake Winnebago is home to the largest lake sturgeon population and fishery in the world and one of the best walleye fisheries in the United States.
- Rebuild the sauger (sand pike) population in Lake Winnebago by constructing new rock spawning reefs, population assessment and stocking of Winnebago strain sauger fry raised in portable local fish hatcheries. A joint project with Walleyes for Tomorrow and Otter Street Fishing Club (Oshkosh).
- Preserve/restore original prairie on public and private lands.
- The SE Wisconsin Coastal Habitat Initiative covers all but a sliver of the west portion of the county. This project seeks to preserve and restore prairie and wetlands in watersheds along Lake Michigan through land acquisition and partnerships with conservation groups.



Activities continued...

- Restore fish & wildlife habitat on the Winnebago pool. Over 2,000 acres of deepwater wetlands have been protected and restored; plus fisheries, offshore breakwaters, and carp barriers.
- Partner in management of county's fisheries and aquatic resources through advisory committees for sturgeon, sauger and walleye.
- Over 50 enforcement cases relating to over bagging of walleye & sauger on Winnebago System.
- Partner with Calumet County Sports Alliance for annual litter pick-up days on Brillion & Killsnake.
- Control exotic and invasive species to assure quality native habitat.
- Manage DNR land - post public hunting and access sites plus build and maintain parking areas.
- Monitor wildlife populations of ducks, geese, pheasants, grouse, woodcock, deer, frogs, grassland birds, loggerhead shrikes, eagles, osprey, trumpeter swans.
- Handle wildlife damage/nuisance complaints, monitor wildlife diseases (CWD & West Nile Virus).
- Provide educational programs for schools, conservation organizations and civic groups.

Calumet County Conservation Snapshots

- 14** Public boat launches
- 16** ALIS agents supported
- 5** Deer, Turkey & Bear Registration Stations
- 4** Stream access sites



Prescribed burn - Brillion Wildlife Area

Fish & Wildlife Stocking Summary

- 3,600 Brook Trout (all numbers are since Year 2000)
- 8,400 Rainbow Trout
- 13,365 Largemouth Bass
- 2,550,569 Sauger
- 2,000 pheasants on Killsnake & Brillion Wildlife Areas
- 1,100 pheasants to 2 day-old chick clubs

County Success Stories

- Over the years, thousands of acres of the duck and pheasant habitat have been preserved through the DNR's acquisition efforts on the Brillion and Killsnake Wildlife Areas, providing habitat for wildlife and recreation land for the public.
- The Brillion and Killsnake Wildlife Areas provide hunting access for thousands of users from the Fox Valley Area
- Lake Winnebago has the largest self-reproducing population of Lake Sturgeon, with the village of Stockbridge labeled as the "Sturgeon Center of the World"

Statewide challenges to maintaining your hunting and fishing opportunities

- Without a fee increase as proposed by Governor Doyle, the Department of Natural Resources will be forced make numerous cuts in:
 - Fish and wildlife stocking programs: Conservation law enforcement; Public hunting acres; Fish and wildlife field biologists and Customer services
- Keeping upland, shoreline and aquatic habitat intact and functional
- Multiple user conflicts - Increasing pressure on public lands
- Rapid growth – urban sprawl
- Nuisance wildlife and invasion by non-native species
- Disease management

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